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4) IF WE DO NOT OBEY YOUR DEMANDS YOU THREATEN TO HARM MRS. DEBBIE AND MAKE OTHER PUNISHMENTS. THEN WE MUST ASK YOU A QUESTION. DO YOU WANT ALL OF THE WORLD TO KNOW THAT YOU HARMED OR KILLED A NURSE WHO WAS PREGNANT WITH HER FIRST SON? DO YOU WANT THE WORLD TO KNOW THAT YOU HARM AND PUNISH PEOPLE WHO COME TO HELP THE ERITREAN PEOPLE? WE DO NOT THINK THAT YOU WANT THE WORLD TO KNOW THIS. YOU HAVE BEEN KNOWN AS AN ORGANIZATION THAT WANTS TO HELP THE PEOPLE AND AS AN ORGANIZATION THAT IS KIND EVEN TO THOSE THAT ARE CAPTURED.

NOW IF YOU HARM MRS. DEBBIE OR MAKE OTHER PUNISHMENTS THEN ALL OF THE WORLD WILL KNOW YOUR ORGANIZATION AS ONE THAT HAS NO CONCERN FOR THE PEOPLE AND DOES BRUTAL AND UN-MANLY THINGS TO PEOPLE WHO COME WITH PEACE IN THEIR HEARTS.

WE THINK THAT YOU HAVE CONCERN FOR THE PEOPLE. BUT IF YOU HAVE TRUE CONCERN FOR THE PEOPLE WE ASK YOU TO IMMEDIATELY RELEASE MRS. DEBBIE AND GIVE SAFETY TO ALL MISSIONS TO CONTINUE HELPING ERITREAN PEOPLE.

5) NOW WE MUST ASK YOU A QUESTION. THE MISSIONS HAVE DONE MANY GOOD DEEDS FOR THE PEOPLE OF ERITREA. FOR WHICH ONE OF THESE GOOD DEEDS DO YOU NOW HARM US? FOR WHAT GOOD DEEDS DO YOU DEMAND MONEY AND EQUIPMENT?

THE MISSIONS HAVE HELPED THE PEOPLE OF ERITREA BY GIVING SCHOOLS,  
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CLINICS, HOSPITALS, WATER, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT.

AND NOW YOU SAY THAT YOU ALWAYS CALCULATE AND WORK FOR THE SAFETY OF THE PEOPLE. BUT NOW PEOPLE HAVE DIED FROM CHOLERA BECAUSE THE HOSPITALS AND CLINICS ARE NOT OPEN. MANY MORE PEOPLE WILL DIE IF THESE DO NOT OPEN AGAIN. PEOPLE WILL BE WITHOUT WATER, EDUCATION. MEDICINES. IF YOU WANT THE SAFETY AND GOOD FOR THE PEOPLE YOU WOULD RELEASE MRS. DEBBIE AND GIVE US A LETTER SIGNED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE THAT THESE THINGS WILL NEVER HAPPEN AGAIN. THEN WE WILL BE ABLE TO HELP THE ERITREAN PEOPLE AGAIN.

NOW WE SHOULD REVIEW OUR IMPORTANT POINTS.

1) WE ASK YOU TO RELEASE MRS. DEBBIE WITHOUT DEMANDS AND GIVE US A LETTER TO NEVER HARM MISSIONS AGAIN.

2) WE WILL NOT PAY ANY MONEY OR GOODS FOR ANY MISSIONARY.

3) WE WILL SAY IN THE PRESS AND RADIO EVERYTHING TRUE ABOUT THE CASE.

4) WE WANT TO HELP THE ERITREAN PEOPLE IN FIGHTING AGAINST DISEASES, BUT WE CANNOT DO IT WHILE YOU HOLD MRS. DEBBIE CAPTIVE AND GIVE THREATS TO US.

WE HOPE FOR A QUICK REPLY.

MR. KARL DORTZBACH

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